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(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_b. ☒ Enclosedi. ☒ Amendment/Replyiii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_2. **Miscellaneous**a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required)b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 04-1105i. ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

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ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)iii. ☒ Other Express Mail No. EL932684310 US

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**SERIAL NO.** RCE of 09/787,157 [EXPRESS MAIL LABEL NO.: EL932684310US]  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before consideration on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1, to read as follows:

1. A pressure-sensitive adhesive sheet for surface protection comprising a three-layered film in which a layer A, a layer B and a layer C have been laminated in this order and a pressure-sensitive adhesive layer on the layer C;

wherein the layer A contains a polyethylene polymer in an amount of at least 60 % by weight based on a total weight of the layer A;

the layer B contains an ethylene/propylene copolymer in an amount of at least 50 % by weight based on a total weight of the layer B; and

the layer C contains a hydrogenated styrene/diene hydrocarbon random copolymer in an amount of at least 10 % by weight based on a total weight of the layer C.